

# Driver Ed News





Lewiston Red Lion- April 9, 2016

Coeur d' Alene Hampton Inn and Suites- April 23, 2016

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April 13-14, Zero Deaths Conference in Provo, Ut. more information

April 14-15, Idaho Prevention Conference in Sun Valley, more information

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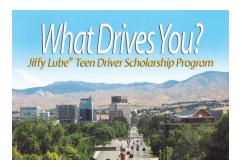
Driving while observably angry, sad, crying, or emotionally agitated increases a driver's risk of crashing by nearly 10 times.

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### Being responsible roadway users

Researchers with the Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA) report the number of pedestrians killed in 2015 has risen.

GHSA cite excessive speed as the number one factor in a majority of the deaths. Inattentive and aggressive driving are also at the top of the "deadly" factors list. For instance, bad behaviors like speeding up to make a left -hand turn when the traffic light turns yellow has resulted in as many as three cars turning after the signal turns red. This causes cars to collide with crossing pedestrians who rightly think they have the right of way. We don't need a study to verify this; we just need to open our eyes.

Drivers who are late for work think nothing of speeding through school zones, running red lights, or blocking intersections when traffic is heavy. Many drivers these days have an 'I'm going to get across no matter what' attitude. They refuse to stop to let pedestrians cross, even when the pedestrian has the right of way; and if they do let them start crossing, you can be sure the car will be moving forward before the walker gets all the way across.

However, let's be fair. It's not only auto drivers who are at fault. Some pedestrians and bicyclists for that matter, also think they own the road or are distracted. They demonstrate bad behaviors that can prove deadly, like talking on a cell phone, jay walking, going against a light to catch a bus, or just because they don't see a car coming. How many times have you seen a pedestrian or bicyclist crossing in the middle of the road instead of at an intersection, or emerging from between parked cars, obscuring an auto driver's view? All roadway users need to accept responsibility for making good decisions, better choices, and safer roadways.

## Buckle Up! Better Seat-Belt Reminders Could Save Lives

Using seat belts is one of the most effective ways to avoid death or injury in a car crash. Yet a quarter of American passenger vehicle drivers still don't fasten their belts all the time even though this simple act could reduce their risks of fatal injury by about 45 percent in cars and by about 60 percent in light trucks, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.